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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to call to the Examiner's attention the references identified on completed Form PTO-1449 (3 pgs.), which generally relate to the present invention. Copies of any cited foreign patents, non-patent literature, and unpublished US application documents are enclosed. Pursuant to the waiver in the Pre-OG Notice, dated July 25, 2003, copies of US patents and published US patent applications are no longer required and are not enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (4 pgs.) to indicate that each reference has been considered.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending, co-assigned U.S. Patent applications and the references cited therein: USSN 10/728,439, filed December 5, 2003 and USSN 11/105,945, filed April 14, 2005. Copies of these applications are enclosed herewith for consideration by the Examiner.

U.S. Patent No. 3,911,115 is an English language equivalent to German Offenlegungsschift 2 260 536, both are referenced on the PTO 1449 form enclosed.

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Applicants submit that the above references, whether taken alone or in combination with each other neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to the captioned application is respectfully requested.

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